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1. DIE WELT REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 12 THAT FRG CABINET, IN ITS DISCUSSIONS OF FOREIGN AID POLICY (SEE REFTEL), DEBATED DEGREE OF COMMITMENT MADE BY FRG AT 7TH SPECIAL UNGA TO ATTAIN 0.7 PERCENT AID TARGET. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, FINANCE MINISTER APEL SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING AN ATTEMPT BY ECON COOP MINISTER BAHR TO MAKE A CLEAR CONFIRMATION OF FRG COMMITMENT TO REACH 0.7 PERCENT TARGET. AT APEL'S REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF INTENT WAS STRICKEN FROM THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF FOREIGN AID OBJECTIVES: "IN ORDER TO REACH THE 0.7 PERCENT TARGET, SIZEABLE INCREASES IN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE YEARS".

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2. TODENHOEFER, THE OPPOSITION CDU/CSU AID SPOKESMAN, HAS ATTACKED INCONSISTENCY OF FRG AID BUDGET WITH POSITION TAKEN AT UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THESE ISSUES WILL BE DEBATED FURTHER IN A LONG-DELAYED DEBATE ON FRG AID POLICY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE BUNDESTAG ON NOVEMBER 28.

3. THE CURRENTLY VALID OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR AID APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE MEDIUM TERM FISCAL PLAN ARE DM 2,960 MILLION FOR 1976, DM 3,115 MILLION FOR 1977, DM 3,345 MILLION FOR 1978 AND DM 3,505 MILLION FOR 1979. THEY DIFFER FROM THOSE STATED IN THE TABLE OF PAGE 12 OF DAC/AR (75)2/01 AS THEY DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE AID PROGRAM.
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